GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF INDO US CIVIL NUCLEAR DEAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Indo-US Nuclear deal; and

(b) the time by which the deal is likely to be finalised?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) − (b) India and the US have, on 20 July 2007, finalised the text of a bilateral agreement for cooperation concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy to implement the understandings of July 2005 and March 2006. Presently, as provided in the finalised agreement, an India specific Safeguards Agreement is being negotiated with the IAEA and four rounds of negotiations have been completed so far. Government believe that the required procedures for operationalising the agreement should be completed as soon as possible.